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AMENDMENT

Sir:

This Amendment is submitted concurrently with a Request for Continued Examination under 37 C.F.R. §1.114 in response to the final Office Action dated January 27, 2006 and the Advisory Action dated March 14, 2006, in connection with the above-identified application.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the **Listing of Claims** section which begins on page 2.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.

Demonstrative Figures A-C are attached hereto as **Exhibit 1**.